
SERMON NOTES



*A Joint Service for
Berlin Mennonite Church &
Millersburg Mennonite Church
We are grateful for the opportunity to worship together!*

February 11, 2018

FAITH TALK

Mark 10:13–16: “Jesus blesses the children”

Here are some ways to nurture faith at home based on this week’s story. For preschool children, use the “For families” page in the Early Childhood leaflet.

- (1) Read Mark 10:14–16. Why was Jesus indignant (angry)?
 - (2) Have the grownups and older children in the family tell what they enjoyed as young children.
 - (3) Skip rope, color a picture, or play a children’s game together.
- Did you know? Children have played games for many years. For example, archeologists found a five-thousand-year-old backgammon board in southeastern Iran.

Prayer for the week: God, your love is for all people, young and old. Inspire us to love as you do. Amen.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Gathering of God’s People . . .

Opening Song

Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship/Invocation

Praising God’s Name . . .

Songs of Praise

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Congregational Prayer

Hearing God’s Word . . .

Scripture: Colossians 1:15-20

Sermon Title: “Holding the World Together: Jesus on the One Hand, and on the Other”

Responding...

Responding Song

Benediction

If you have a prayer concern or need, you are encouraged to contact

Myron Weaver, Jeff Hochstetler, or one of the Elder Team members, either after worship today or during the week. Elder Team members are:

Carol Gerber, Brenda Hummel, Ralph King, Leon Miller and Michael Stutzman

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE

Message: Sara Wenger Shenk *Worship Leader:* Jeff Hochstetler

Song Leader: Arlene Yoder & Vaughn Troyer

Usher: Rick Brand *Usher Next Sunday:* Myron Schlabach

Audio & Visual: Dustin Yoder *PowerPoint:* Rochelle Croston

Greeters: Marion & Laura Yoder

Greeter Next Week: Tom & Angie Yoder

Nursery This Sunday: Carson & Rachel Miller and Megan Weaver

Nursery Next Week: Jill Basinger and Peg Brand or Jo Yoder

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING LAST SUNDAY

Worship: 120 Sunday School: 52

General Fund: \$8,004.00 Mongolia: \$50.00

Food: \$100.00 Walking Roots: \$500.00

EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

February 12- Family Night at New Grounds; 4-7pm

February 13- Meeting Night, 7pm; Council, 8pm

February 14- Ladies Sewing, 8:30am

February 14- Family Night

February 17 – Mongolian Breakfast, 7:30 am Farmstead

February 18- Church Bowling, 3-5pm

February 21- Family Night

February 28- Family Night

PRAYER REQUESTS

Health Needs: Mary Ann Kandel, Geri Morgan, Les Reid, Norm Shank, Ivan Stutzman, Susan Sullivan, Steve Troyer (Ralph & Velma's son), Katie Wengerd, Joe Yoder.

Walnut Hills Nursing Home Residents: Dean Hummel, Clare Martin, Eileen Stutzman, Ivan Stutzman.

Pray for our Mission Partners: MMN: Laura Schlabach, Tonya Starner, Gary & Martine Wittig; MAF: Rod & Valerie Hochstetler; Harvest Aviation: Ronny & Denise Erekson; SALT: Samuel Miller.

Families in Focus: Please pray specifically this week Merle & Anita Shetler; Alma Shrock; Bob & Susan Slagle.

Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request: Join Mennonite Mission Network in praising God for the growth of Christ's body in Israel. A mission worker reports that when the nation was founded in 1948, only 12 Jewish people counted themselves believers. Now, there are about 25,000-30,000 believers in approximately 300 Arab and Messianic congregations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Today we welcome Millersburg Mennonite Church and Sara Wenger Shenk** to our worship service. Sara serves as president of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, a position she began in fall 2010. Since coming to AMBS, she has overseen a "pivot of hope" program redesign, the hiring of seven new faculty, and a change of the seminary's name. Her experiences in mission, church planting, teaching and administration fostered a unique combination of leadership gifts. She was a member of the faculty and administration of Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Harrisonburg, Va., for 15 years. For nine years, she and her husband Gerald served as students and teachers in the former Yugoslavia from 1977 to 1983 and 1986 to 1989. Sara has held Mennonite Church conference and denominational leadership roles. She has written extensively in both academic and church publications. Following the service, there will be a carry-in meal and all in invited to stay. We look forward to a time of worship and fellowship together.
- **Ladies Sewing is Wednesday, February 14.** Sheryl Weaver will present devotions and Susan Slagle will provide a main course casserole. Bring a salad or dessert to share.
- **Family Nights continue this Wednesday!** You are invited to wear red in honor of Valentine's Day. Best dressed will get a \$10 gift certificate to Dairy Queen. This week the Crossroads Sunday School class will provide sliders. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.
- **MEDA:** Monday, Feb. 19, there will be a MEDA Women Empowering Women gathering at New Grounds Café from 6:30 PM to 8 PM. Come enjoy hot drinks, light snacks and each other's company, as we hear stories from Bethany Nussbaum's recent trip to MEDA's project in Myanmar, brainstorm ways for collaborating to make a difference in poverty alleviation through MEDA and experience a day in the life of a Myanmar woman. An RSVP to Eva Keim by Feb. 15 is encouraged (ebkeim@yahoo.com) or text 330-763-4317.
- **Our church has reserved Spare Time Lanes** in Millersburg on Sunday, February 18 from 3 to 5pm. The cost is \$5 per bowler and includes shoe rental and unlimited bowling. Individuals, friends, and families are welcome! Please sign up in the lobby.
- **GRIEFSHARE RESTARTING IN MARCH:** Please join us for biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. Your loss may be recent or not so recent. Here, you will find encouragement, comfort and help in grieving. The next GriefShare session will take place on Monday evenings beginning March 5th and continue through May 14th. There is no cost to attend. Please invite family members or friends who could also benefit. RSVP to the church or by contacting Becky Kandel or Barry Hummel.
- **Please remember the five Nicaraguan Missionary families** we welcome into relationship with our Church Family in prayer this week. These families are Xochil and Mario Amador, Carols and Aracelis Reyes, Fabricio and Claudia Mendoza, Bismark and Emma Aburto, and Myelin and Moises Guido.